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Availability of Foodgrains
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains has decreased during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to address this issue and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): The per capita net availability of foodgrains for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 is given below :
(Grams per day)

Year	Per capita net availability of foodgrains
2014	489.3
2015	465.1
2016	487.3
2017 (P)	519.6

(P) Provisional

Fluctuations in per capita net availability are mainly due to fluctuations in production on account of variations in weather conditions, increasing population, change in stocks etc.

Government implements various programmes/schemes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC) etc. with the objective of increasing production and productivity of agricultural crops. In addition, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities (SAU) have developed a number of improved varieties/hybrids of food grain crops to enhance production and productivity of food crops.

In addition, Government imports various agricultural commodities to augment their domestic availability.

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